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Yugoslavia, Greece Fascinate Traveller

(Editor's note: The following is a letter sent to H. P. Holmes of Fairfax road from a friend now teaching school at the American University at Cairo, Egypt. In the letter are first-hand impressions of what side-travel in Europe is like.)

"My trip during the summer made it possible for me to see a much larger swatch of Europe than on my first visit in 1949. And I caught myself looking hard for contrasts and improvements, particularly among the people most involved in the last war, that might have developed during the intervening four years. To make this comparison thorough, I stopped in thirteen countries."

"Last spring I took passage on the Greek liner, Ionia, which left Alexandria May 28, and after a placid crossing to the Mediterranean, docked two days later at Piraeus, sea port of Athens. Because Greece contains so many geographical and political hot spots, there is a perceptible air of disillusion among the people wherever one goes.

"Through bitter experience and nine continuous years of war, the Greek has preserved little confidence in the future. Formerly the drachma was inflated to 15,000 for the dollar, but eight weeks before I arrived, the government declared a new devaluation which made the drachma worth only 30,000 to the dollar. This was a strong bid for a little tourist trade but unfortunately the government was too weak to enforce price ceilings, and the immediate overnight price hikes almost cancelled out the intended favorable effects.

"Tourist-traffic to the country pretty much where it was, and added the extra burden of further, skyrocketing inflation. These political and economic factors have definitely retarded recovery, and the billions of dollars that America poured down the hole there nowhere to be seen. Moreover many friends that America made with this generous aid have been lost by the careless actions of Americans, members of the U. S. Mission to Greece, who have tactlessly carried over some of our worst concepts of discrimination.

"THE MISSION has set up its own private bus lines, which I rode all over Athens, but which excluded Greeks, a Mission snack bar, and other Mission operated conveniences. The elaborate scale of these luxuries clearly labeled 'for Americans only' has definitely created a bad impression. But within Greece is a fascinating country."

"I used to take my meals down the street from my hotel. I remember one day the lunchmen men did not look very promising. The restaurants buy their meat on the hoof, and having served all the outside of the animal, the proprietor this day prepared a menu which featured the innards and extremities only. At a table near me, a huge man held a sheep's head in both hands and was noisily devouring the nose and lips. At his elbow an elderly lady investigated the cavity of a veal heart. Her friend was dipping bread into a greenish stew of kidneys and chopped liver."

"Finding all this not to my liking, I asked the waiter to recommend. He ran his finger down the list and stopped at 'Coctetehi Roumel'. I nodded in agreement. It was three patties of meat stuffed in a kind of skin and sprinkled with green herbs. They tasted delicious, and after eating two, I asked the waiter what meat it was made of. He replied, 'lamb intestines', and rubbed his lower abdomen significantly.

"AFTER A LOOK at the Greek antiquities, including some side trips across the Peloponnesos to Old Corinth and the beautiful Adriatic, I took a train north for Yugoslavia. My ultimate destination on this lap was Venice, but I stopped week in Belgrade and enjoyed the peasantry and mountain scenery the whole length of Yugoslavia. At the Greek-Yugoslav frontier, the Greek train conductors were all changed for Yugoslav police officers. The man who punched my ticket conspicuously wore his sidearms.

"Police boarded the train and searched everywhere. They looked under seats, pushed long needles into cushions, tested windows, and unraveled blinds. But their search was not systematic and was plainly routine. Outside mechanics clambered under the coaches with flashlights. Finally the customs went through everyone's luggage with a fine tooth comb... except mine. The US passport is treated everywhere with great respect.

"BELGRADE is on the Danube, but this far south the famous river has lost its sophisticated appearance that can be admired better around Vienna. Belgrade is a poor city. The hotel manager told me that in his opinion there was nowhere in all of Yugoslavia one single, privately-owned automobile. The few trucks and cars on the highways belonged either to the Government or to the American Advisory Mission to Yugoslavia.

"One day I sat in a park to observe street activity. Most of the people belonged to the lower income classes. The men were dressed in the international costume of the proletariat: unmatching pants and jacket, scuffed black shoes, rumpled white shirt with a frayed collar. The shop windows displayed merchandise, but most of it was made in Yugoslavia... the country tried vigorously to trade independent. The local jam and preserves tasted terrible and the coffee was ersatz and expensive.

"BOOKSHOPS featured many English and American authors in translation: Conrad's, 'Lord Jim', Irwin Shaw, Dickens, Meredith's, 'The Egoist', Eisenhower's, 'Decision in Europe', plus standard Communist works by Engels, Lenin, Marx, and last, but not least, Joseph Brodsky.

No one bothered or molested me or accused me of being an American capitalist. In fact the people were very kind and polite. This is probably because the country has not yet been inundated with American tourists who are themselves responsible for 80% of all the trouble they meet traveling in Europe.

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